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U.K. Patent Application GB 2 350 598 and European Patent Application EP 0 389 191 were discovered by an examiner of a corresponding non-U.S. application. Each disclosure relates to beverage containers.

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